

By: Fletcher

H.B. No. 1683

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1683:

By: Davis of Dallas

C.S.H.B. No. 1683

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to parking placards for vehicles of persons with  
3 disabilities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 681.003, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsection (h) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (b) An application for a disabled parking placard must be:

9 (1) on a form furnished by the department;

10 (2) submitted to the county assessor-collector of the  
11 county;

12 (A) in which the person with the disability  
13 resides if the person has a permanent disability; or

14 (B) in which the person with the disability  
15 resides or is being treated at a medical facility if the person has  
16 a temporary disability; and

17 (3) accompanied by a fee of \$5 if the application is  
18 for a temporary placard.

19 (e) If a first application for a disabled parking placard  
20 under this section is made by or on behalf of a person with:

21 (1) a mobility problem caused by a disorder of the  
22 foot, the notarized written statement or written prescription  
23 required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a person licensed to  
24 practice podiatry in this state or a state adjacent to this state;

1 [~~or~~]

2           (2) a disability caused by an impairment of vision as  
3 provided by Section 681.001(2), the notarized written statement or  
4 written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be issued by a  
5 person licensed to engage in the practice of optometry or the  
6 practice of therapeutic optometry in this state or a state adjacent  
7 to this state; or

8           (3) a temporary mobility problem that substantially  
9 impairs the person's ability to ambulate, the notarized written  
10 statement or written prescription required by Subsection (c) may be  
11 issued by a person licensed to practice chiropractic in this state  
12 or a state adjacent to this state.

13           (h) In this section, "chiropractic" has the meaning  
14 assigned by Section 201.002, Occupations Code.

15           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.